GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PRODUCTION OF PADDY
CHINMAYANAND

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of paddy during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the names of the major paddy producing States;

(c) the area under high yielding paddy variety cultivation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, area-wise; and

(d) the reasons for decline in area under paddy cultivation alongwith the steps taken to increase the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The estimated production of paddy during the last three years and the current year is given in the table below:

(in Million tonnes)

Year	Production
1998-99	129.12
1999-2000	134.21
2000-2001+	129.45
2001-2002 (Kharif)++	114.63

\+ Fourth advance estimates as on 29.6.2001
++ First advance estimates as on 28.9.2001

(b): The major paddy producing States in the country are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh,Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Assam, Karnataka, Haryana, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

(c): The information on area under high yielding paddy variety is not maintained. However, the total area under paddy in Andaman & Nicobar Islands was 12.2 thousand hectares during each of the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000.,

(d): There is a long-term upward trend in the total cultivated area under paddy in the country, albeit with minor fluctuations. The area under paddy cultivation has increased from 42.69 million hectares in 1990.91 to 44.97 million hectares in 1999-2000.